

FEBRUARY 19th, 1814.

Read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole house on Tuesday next.

A Bill

Authorising the president to cause to be built or purchased the vessels therein described.

1 *Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in congress assembled, That*
3 the president be, and he is hereby authorised to cause to be
4 built or purchased any number of vessels, not exceeding twenty,
5 which, in his opinion, the public service may require, to carry
6 not less than sixteen, nor more than twenty-two guns each, and
7 to be manned, equipped, and officered, in the manner which he
8 shall judge most expedient.

1 Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted, That for the building or*
2 purchase of of these vessels, the sum of
3 dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out
4 of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.